

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Brownfields Revitalization and Environmental Restoration Act.

House Committee ordered reported H.R. 10, Comprehensive Retirement Security and Pension Reform Act.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S3867–3931*

**Measures Introduced:** Seven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 771–777, and S. Res. 73–75. **Pages S3921–22**

#### Measures Passed:

**Commending Jim English:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 73, to commend James Harold English for his 23 years of service to the United States Senate.

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**Brownfields Revitalization and Environmental Restoration Act:** By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 87), Senate passed S. 350, to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to promote the cleanup and reuse of brownfields, to provide financial assistance for brownfields revitalization, to enhance State response programs, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

**Pages S3879–S3912**

Smith (of NH) Amendment No. 352, to make certain improvements to the bill. **Pages S3896–S3904**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Lou Gallegos, of New Mexico, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

Mary Kirtley Waters, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

Timothy J. Muris, of Virginia, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the unexpired term of seven years from September 26, 1994.

Lee Sarah Liberman Otis, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy.

Claude A. Allen, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Pat Pizzella, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

29 Air Force nominations in the rank of general. **Page S3931**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—87) **Page S3907**

**Adjournment:** Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 3:56 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Thursday, April 26, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3931.)

### Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

#### FARM BILL: TRADE ISSUES

**Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:** Committee concluded hearings to examine agricultural trade issues, focusing on access to world markets, declining export values, tariffs, and barriers to trade, after receiving testimony from Bruce A. Babcock, Iowa State University Center for Agricultural and Rural Development, Ames; Ron Heck, Perry, Iowa,

on behalf of the American Soybean Association; Robert Stallman, Columbus, Texas, on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation; Leland Swenson, Aurora, Colorado, on behalf of the National Farmers Union; Charles J. O'Mara, O'Mara and Associates, on behalf of the American Oilseed Coalition, and Gary Martin, North American Export Grain Association, Inc., both of Washington, D.C.; James Echols, Hohenberg Brothers Company, Memphis, Tennessee, on behalf of the National Cotton Council of America; Timothy F. Hamilton, Mid-America International Agri-Trade Council, Chicago, Illinois; Dennis McDonald, Melville, Montana, on behalf of the Ranchers-Cattlemen Action Legal Fund United Stockgrowers of America; Judith Lewis, United Nations World Food Programme, Rome, Italy; and Kenneth Hackett, Catholic Relief Services, Baltimore, Maryland, on behalf of the Coalition for Food Aid.

#### APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of Agriculture, receiving testimony from Ann M. Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture, who was accompanied by several of her associates.

Hearings continue on Thursday, May 3.

#### CHEMICAL DEMILITARIZATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense concluded hearings to examine issues related to the state of the Chemical Demilitarization Program, which was implemented to eliminate the United States chemical weapons inventory consistent with an international treaty obligation, the Chemical Weapons Convention, including the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program, after receiving testimony from Joseph Westphal, Acting Secretary, James Bacon, Program Manager for Chemical Demilitarization, and Michael Parker, Program Manager for Assembled Chemical Weapons Assessment, all of the Department of the Army; Russell Salter, Director, Chemical and Radiological Preparedness Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency; James Eli Henderson, Calhoun County Commission, and Rufus Kinney and Brenda Lindell, both on behalf of the Families Concerned About Nerve Gas Incineration, all of Anniston, Alabama; and Craig Williams, Chemical Weapons Working Group, Berea, Kentucky.

#### APPROPRIATIONS—HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education con-

cluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of Health and Human Services, after receiving testimony from Tommy Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

#### APPROPRIATIONS—CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE/NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT CORPORATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Wendy Zenker, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Corporation for National Service; and Ellen W. Lazar, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation.

#### AUTHORIZATION—NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on the National Nuclear Security Administration, after receiving testimony from Gen. John A. Gordon, USAF (Ret.), Under Secretary for Nuclear Security/Administrator for National Nuclear Security Administration, C. Paul Robinson, Director, Sandia National Laboratories, C. Bruce Tarter, Director, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and John C. Browne, Director, Los Alamos National Laboratory, all of the Department of Energy; Joseph J. Buggy, Westinghouse Savannah River Company, Aiken, South Carolina; John Mitchell, BWXT-Y12, Lynchburg, Virginia; David S. Douglas, Honeywell Federal Manufacturing and Technologies, Kansas City, Missouri; and Dennis R. Ruddy, BWXT Pantex, Amarillo, Texas.

#### HUD PROGRAMS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation concluded hearings to examine the Department of Housing and Urban Development's program, budget, and management priorities for fiscal year 2002, after receiving testimony from Mel Martinez, Secretary, and Susan M. Gaffney, Inspector General, both of the Department of Housing and Urban Development; Stanley J. Czerwinski, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, General Accounting Office; Rene Glover, Atlanta Housing Authority, Atlanta, Georgia, on behalf of the Council of Large Public Housing Authorities; and Barbara Sard, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Washington, D.C.

**NOMINATIONS**

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded hearings on Brenda L. Becker, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, and Michael P. Jackson, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Ms. Becker was introduced by Senators Lott and Burns.

**AVIATION INDUSTRY LABOR ISSUES**

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee held hearings to examine labor relations problems that are confronting the airline industry today, focusing on the large passenger airline's recent union negotiations, receiving testimony from Frederick W. Smith, Federal Express Corporation, and Carol B. Hallett, Air Transport Association of America, both of Washington, D.C.; Sonny Hall, Transport Workers Union, AFL-CIO, New York, New York, on behalf of the Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO; R. Thomas Buffenbarger, International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, Upper Marlboro, Maryland; and Linda F. Farrow, Association of Flight Attendants, Rosemont, Illinois.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

**WEST COAST GASOLINE PRICES**

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Foreign Commerce, and Tourism concluded hearings to examine the causes of high retail gasoline prices and competition in the gasoline industry in West Coast markets, after receiving testimony from Senator Murkowski; Robert Pitofsky, Chairman, Federal Trade Commission; Jim Wells, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, and Frank Rusco, Senior Economist, both of the General Accounting Office; John Cook, Director, Petroleum Division, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; R. Preston McAfee, University of Chicago Graduate School of Business, Chicago, Illinois; Carl Shapiro, University of California Haas School of Business/Institute of Business and Economic Research, Berkeley; Robert Malone, British Petroleum, Washington, D.C.; and Chuck Mau, Portland, Oregon.

**MEDICARE AND SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS**

*Committee on Finance:* Committee held hearings to examine certain improper payments of Medicare and Medicaid, Social Security, and disability programs

benefits to prisoners, fugitives, the deceased and other ineligible, receiving testimony from James G. Huse, Jr., Inspector General, and Fritz Streckewald, Acting Assistant Deputy Commissioner, Disability and Income Security Programs, both of the Social Security Administration; Michael F. Mangano, Acting Inspector General, and Michael McMullan, Acting Deputy Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Daniel G. Kyle, Louisiana Legislative Auditors Office, Baton Rouge; and Jerome Horn, an incarcerated witness.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

**NOMINATION**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Andrew S. Natsios, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Kerry and Representative Wolf, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

**NOMINATIONS**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Paula J. Dobriansky, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Global Affairs, Lincoln P. Bloomfield, Jr., of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Political-Military Affairs, and Richard Nathan Haass, of Maryland, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of Service as Director, Policy Planning Staff, all of the Department of State. Ms. Dobriansky was introduced by Senators Allen and Dodd, and Mr. Bloomfield was introduced by Senator Allen.

**POLYGRAPH USAGE**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the accuracy and reliability of polygraphs, as well as the policy and potential legal issues that may arise from their use as a screening tool in counterintelligence context, after receiving testimony from Michael H. Capps, Deputy Director for Developmental Programs, Defense Security Service, Department of Defense; William G. Iacono, University of Minnesota Department of Psychology/Clinical Science and Psychopathology Research Training Program, Minneapolis; Jeffrey H. Smith, Arnold and Porter, and Mark S. Zaid, Lobel, Novins and Lamont, both of Washington, D.C.; and Richard W. Keifer, American Polygraph Association, Apopka, Florida.